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COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR NON-TARGETED ACTIVATION

OF ENDOGENOUS GENES

January 18, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Below the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" and after the words "This application", insert the following --is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/276,820, filed March 26, 1999, entitled "COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR NON-TARGETED ACTIVATION OF ENDOGENOUS GENES" which—, and on line 2, in the blank, please insert --09/263,814--

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-57, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.